

THE NORTH PLATTE BRANCH OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST  
OF  
LATTER-DAY SAINTS

1966

Branch President Dean George Kentner  
Kenneth Robert Glodo  
Marvin Marler

*Dean G. Kentner*



1966, June 28

Bradley Moss was baptized by his father Dan Moss.

President Kenneth Cromar, Mission Sunday School Superintendent and Phyllis Romans at the age of 7. President Cromar has always been a favorite of everyone but he and Phyllis were special friends. He always called her to the stand when he had a talk. Before Phyllis started to school she read to him from a child's story book. Thinking that she had memorized the book he brought forth his Instructor and asked her to read from it. And she did. He was always amazed at this ability of hers.



Mission Relief Society President  
Sister Carroll Thorpe

District Relief Society President  
Kathryn E. Romans

Education Counselor  
Lucille Cunningham

Work Counselor  
Genevieve Glodo



Mission Board Members at  
District Conference

Karl G. Esplin, MIA  
Louine Y. Cromar, Primary  
Kenneth Cromar, Sunday School  
Carroll Thorpe, Relief Society



1966 Youth Conference Nancy Romans, Jaque Cummings, and Corliss Cunningham won the Era Bowl for the West Nebraska District. President Scott is giving them the trophy. They also enjoyed a trip to Red Rocks and participating in the sports program.



1966



Nancy Jo Romans is pictured with Verd A. Hanks at the time of her Patriarchal blessing.

This is the Relief Society room at the Chapel in Prescott, Arizona.

Elder Hanks had given her father a blessing and was a good friend of her mothers family.

STATE FAIR TIME! Susan Romans is giving her demonstration at Lincoln, Nebraska at the State Fair. Ribbon a Blue!

Susan also styled a skirt and blouse and received a blue.

Susan Romans, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Romans, is the winner in Skirt and Blouse division at the county fair.

Her blouse is a Bates cotton plaid in shades of blue, purple, yellow and white, with rounded neckline and long bell sleeves. The trim on lower edge of the blouse and sleeves is of the same blue cotton and dacron as the A-Line skirt.

Susan also had a winning demonstration at the county fair. Her demonstration was "Family Fun On A Budget". This will entitle her to a trip to the State Fair.



19, August, 1966 Myrtle Gerken, a dear convert to the Church, was presented with a cake on her 93rd birthday by the Relief Society Sisters.



1966, August 21

John Roland Chambers received his call to the West Spanish American Mission.

Here we have pictures of Elder Chambers, his parents Trevor I. and Grace W. Chambers and his brother Michael.

*Trevor + Grace Chambers*



ELDER JOHN ROLAND CHAMBERS

*J  
R  
C*



West Spanish American Mission  
5529 Via Corona  
East Los Angeles, California

1966

The Lihoma Girls and their leaders spent a day and night at the Arnold State Park on a Camp-out! Besides cooking over an open fire the girls hiked down Devils Den, the local Grand Canyon, and had fun singing and a special time around the camp fire getting to know each other better.

In the picture we see Cynthia Romans and Cinda Vallentine, our modern day pioneers with some of the bed rolls!

Sister Romans ended up sleeping in that blue car that you see in the picture. This car was the one we seemed to get mixed up with the Scott family a few times.



Kenneth Robert Glodo and his family a few days before their departure for Ely, Nevada. Brother Glodo is a Counselor in the Branch Presidency and his family has been important to our Branch. As a tribute to this fine family we held a picnic in the park with a short program in their honor. The song "There Ain't no Flies" was given with the following words:

"Oh, there ain't no flies on Bob, on Bob, on Bob. Oh, there ain't no flies on Bob. And here's the reason why.

Bob is the weather man in town, His family watches for his ups and downs! So there ain't no flies on Bob and that's the reason why!

Oh, there ain't no flies on Genny, on Genny, etc.

Genny is a hard working wife, Between Church and family she leads quite a life.



1966

Kenny being the oldest has responsibility, He's kind to brothers and sisters as you can plainly see.

Warren has imagination galore, He might be Daniel Boone or the naughty boy next door.

Phyllip is his mothers favorite Dutchman, He is stubborn as his father, yet we still love him.

Rosalinds our Miss America of '82, Her lair looks so sharp and a sweet smile too.

Kathryn we remember for her sparkling black eyes. They are just like her Mothers which comes as no surprise.

Oh, there ain't no flies on Glodo's, On Glodo's, on Glodo's. Oh, there ain't no flies on Glodo's and Here's the reason why.

Glodo's are one of the nicest families we know, and it sure is certain that we hate to see them go! So there ain't no flies on Glodo's and that's the reason why!

LUCKY THE BRANCH OR WARD THAT GETS THIS FAMILY! And how we wish it were North Platte!

October 26, 1966

The Three D's performed in North Platte. I'm sure we have Dr. Dan Moss to thank for this. It was a wonderful performance and one we would like to repeat.



Here we have our Branch President Dean Kentner, his counselors, Marvin Marler and Harold Anderson and Leon Danks, Branch Clerk



1966

And then came Christmas!

Elder Michael Andelin planned and produced a marvelous Christmas pageant.

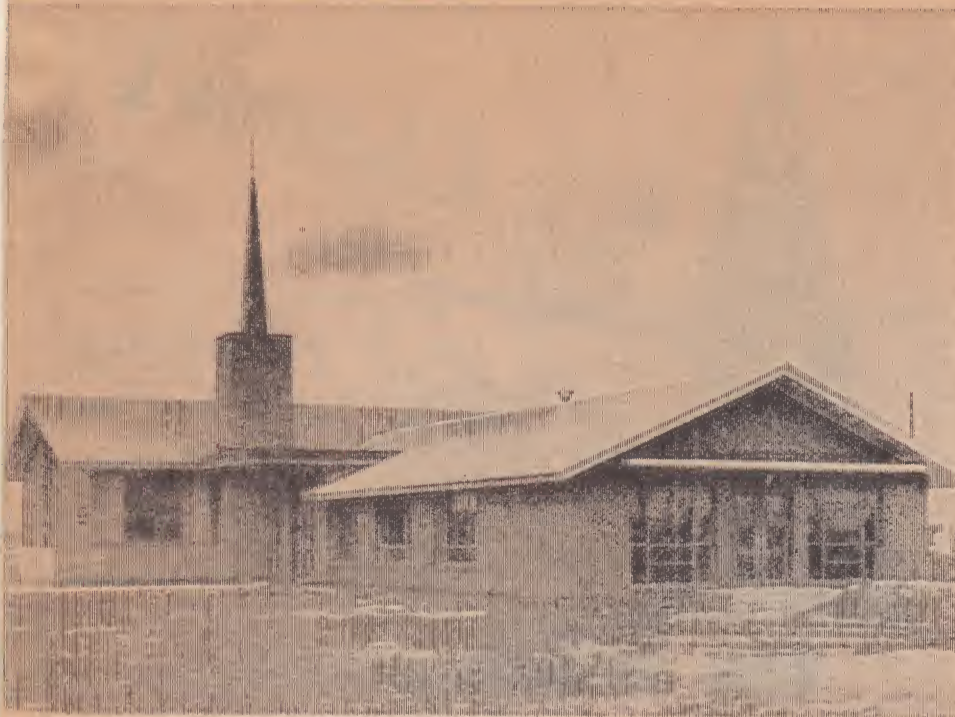


**OUTDOOR NATIVITY PAGEANT** scenes such as this are featured this evening at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, McDonald Road at B Street. Tonight will be the last night of the presentation; the 15-minute pageant will

begin between 7-7:15 p.m. and is repeated after ten-minute intermissions. The well-lighted pageant features several scenes, colorfully-costumed actors and the manger, complete with a live donkey and sheep.

Telegraph Staff Photo





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1600 West B

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# 'Behold, I Give Unto You a Sign'

By DEAN G. KENTNER

The decree has went forth from the beginning of time that in the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established.

There was a witness, on this the American Continent, who proclaimed to the people living here, (Who were called Lamanites and Nephites), that a Savior would be born unto the world. This proclamation predicted the events which would occur on this continent when the actual birth of the Savior took place. This witness said; Behold, I give unto you a sign;

for five years more cometh, and behold, then cometh the Son of God to redeem all those who shall believe on his name. And behold, this will I give unto you for a sign at the time of his coming; for behold, there shall be great lights in heaven, insomuch that in the night before he cometh there shall be no darkness, insomuch that it shall appear unto man as if it was day.

Therefore, there shall be one day and a night and a day, as if it were one day and there were no night; and this shall be unto you for a sign; for ye

shall know of the rising of the sun and also of its setting; therefore they shall know of a surety that there shall be two

days and a night; nevertheless the night shall not be darkened; and it shall be the night before he is born.

There were many other signs that this witness, whose name was Samuel, gave unto his people. They were recorded on the

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DEAN KENTNER  
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Stick of Ephraim for Joseph (Ezekiel 37:16) to be combined with the Stick of Judah which would become as one in our hands. And the Sticks whereon thou writest shall be in thine hand before their eyes. (Ezekiel 37:20).

Where may these sticks be found today? The Stick of Judah is the Bible. The Stick of Ephraim (Joseph; is the Book of Mormon, The Second Witness unto Christ!







1967

January: District Conference in North Platte.

Elder Garth Nelson and Elder Laron Rice attended this Conference. They were laboring at Sidney, Nebraska. Elder Rice is from Canada and Elder Nelson from New York. They spent the night, Saturday, with the Romans family. They were so polite and nice to have in our home.



February 28, 1967

Phyllis Romans is eight! She has waited so long for this event. Every one at school has heard about it and her special friend, Sharon Cunningham, a non-member, is going to North Platte with her for the baptism.



*Phyllis  
Romans*

1967

February 28: We are still at the scene of the Baptism of Phyllis Romans.

Here we see Branch President Dean Kentner with his Counselor Marvin Marler and Sharon Cunningham and Phyllis



President Estel C. Lile, a member of the District Presidency and Leon B. Danks, Branch Clerk



Elder Clyde Romney spoke at the Baptism and Elder Joseph Leutze gave a prayer. These were Phyllis' favorite Elders at the time! Elder Romney gave a beautiful talk for a girl just turning eight.



Phyllis was baptized by her father, Clarence O. Romans and confirmed by him.





1967

Sister Bernice Kentner, Denice Kentner, Phyllis Romans with her Birthday Cake, Sharon Cunningham, Nora Kentner and in the background Susan Romans, who would rather not be identified.

Nora Kentner celebrated her birthday a week later and was baptized on March 1, 1967 by her father, Dean G. Kentner



March 11, 1967: Lihoma Party for Knights and their Ladies.  
A Knight of Honor You will Be  
If you will please accompany me.  
A feast for knights and ladies grand  
Don your best armor and be on hand.

Dancing with their daughters we can identify Dean Kentner and Denise, Clarence Romans and Cynthia. At the table we see Cynthia Romans by her Dad, Donna Young and her father Bob Merrill.



1967

North Platte is celebrating their Centennial and Trevor I. Chambers is enjoying his set of whiskers!



*Trevor is  
73 years  
young at  
the time  
of this  
picture.*

Susan Romans graduated from the Eighth Grade at Arnold, Nebr. on May 11, 1967.

Morris McConnell graduated from the Hershey High School May 21

Cheryll Kay Young and Cynthia Kentner graduated from the North Platte High School on June 1.



Another whisker contestant! Only he couldn't last to the end.  
Clarence O. Romans with Jacob Burns.



1967

Mothers Day: Brother and Sister Romans usually bring their lunch on Sunday and dine at the Church. This Mothers Day was no exception. Those present for the occasion were Sister Rose Queale, Sister Minnie Barnica, Brother and Sister McConnell of Hershey and their family, David, Mary Ann, Lane and Beama and Elder Roger Larson and Elder Joseph Leutze. It was a grand day.



Minnie Barnica, Rose Queale,  
Phyllis Romans, Kathryn Romans  
holding Beama McConnell

*Minnie Barnica*



Rose Queale, Librarian for the Branch and a real artist. Minnie Barnica. These two sisters do much of the calling for the Branch and are at every meeting. They never miss and both are Visiting Teachers.

Ada McConnell and her youngest daughter Beama.



Elder Joseph Leutze helping?  
Brother Romans in the kitchen.





1967

Elder Leutze is transferred!  
We see him here with Elder  
Roger Larson on the grounds  
of the Church in North Platte.  
And in his honor and because  
of the love we have for him  
we sang another version of the  
song "There Ain't No Flies".



"Oh, there Ain't no flies on  
Elder Leutze, on Elder Leutze,  
on Elder Leutze. Oh, there  
ain't no flies on Elder Leutze,  
and here's the reason why!"

Tho' the day be gloomy and  
'nary a glare. Comes Leutze  
and his sun glasses, How we  
stare.

We'd like to honor the guy who adds fun to life  
He's got a joke and a smile for every man and his wife!

With hands in pockets and a whistle on his lips  
Bouncing into church---and eventually he sits.

When giving a talk Elder Leutze is great  
We wonder if he gets seasick, rocking at such a rate!

We have to commend him though he comes from Detroit  
He's still understandable and in the gospel adroit.

He says he's a baker, and we'll have to agree  
After eating at their apartment, with Elder Romney and he.

With full power Elder Larson and Leutze drive on the streets of N.P.  
From the Church, down the alleys, and at last to Rosenbladts.

On the highway to Romans Elder Leutze flies low  
While companions are glad that the gospel they know.

Success he will find as he goes on in life  
Whether teaching the gospel or finding a wife.!

So, there ain't no flies on Elder Leutze!  
And that's the reason why!



1967

July 14, 15, 16 YOUTH CONFERENCE TIME!

North Platte youth entered in the Era Bowl and winners of the event were: Corliss Cunningham, Dixie Vallentine and Nancy Romans.

First place in the Swimming relay went to Mel Poff, Keith Taylor, Mike Smith of McCook, and Nancy Romans.

The dance that year was the "Blue Tango!" Here we see Nancy and Susan Romans in what they thought were their long, long, dance dresses! Bruce Cummings of Julesburg, Colorado was Susan's partner for the performance.



Some of the youth that were in attendance at this event were: LaRae Fitzgerald of the Bridgeport Branch, Charles Cumming, Sidney Branch, Claude Petty and Mike Smith of McCook, Bonnie Tucker, Sidney, and from North Platte: Kevin Marler, Dixie Vallentine, Jerry Burns, Susan and Nancy Romans, Lynette and Steven Combs, Jim Kentner, Mike Chambers, Mel Poff, Corliss and Julie Cunningham, Keith Taylor. And a good time was had by all!

August, 1967

Cynthia Kentner, Cheryl Young and Morris McConnell leaving for school at Ricks.

September 3, 1967

Greg Romans was released from his Mission to the Eastern Atlantic States. After arriving home he took his sisters Nancy and Susan and went to Denver for an interview with President Scott.



1967



September 10, David Lile, son of Estel and Verna Lile, Greg Romans, son of Clarence and Kathryn Romans, Marilyn Woods the daughter of Mr and Mrs. Duane Woods of Alma, Nebr. and Bob Gentry, of Colorado Springs, Colo. and a brother to Joan Smith of the McCook Branch. Bob is a roommate of Greg Romans.

Marilyn is a niece of Brother Romans and was baptized at Grand Island on May 6, 1967 by Brother Romans. All are set to have a good year at BYU.

At District Conference in North Platte we performed the Rumba, with nine couples and a folkdance with any youth that wanted to dance. This was also our Gold and Green Ball with the theme "Its a Marshmallow World"





1967

November

It is Thanksgiving Day and Elder McDonald is enjoying the piano and dinner at the Romans home. His companion was Elder Tapie Rohm.



December

The Romans Clan is all home for the first time in two years. And the two strays are Elder Tapie Rohm and Elder Robert Stone. They spent the day at Romans' and we were grateful for the presence of these two fine young men.



### **NORTH PLATTE: Branch Presents Nativity Scene**

The North Platte (Nebraska) Branch of the Western States Mission has for the second year successfully presented to the community a live enactment of the Nativity. It featured live sheep, a donkey and a set separated into an area for shepherds, an inn, a stable, and a throne for King Herod. Lights were flashed on the branch chapel roof and angels appeared as though from the heavens.

Dean G. Kentner, branch president, said hundreds of persons from the North Platte area viewed 20 presentations of the Nativity scene during three nights before Christmas. The presentation has provided members with a great missionary tool, he said. Director was Jane Watson.

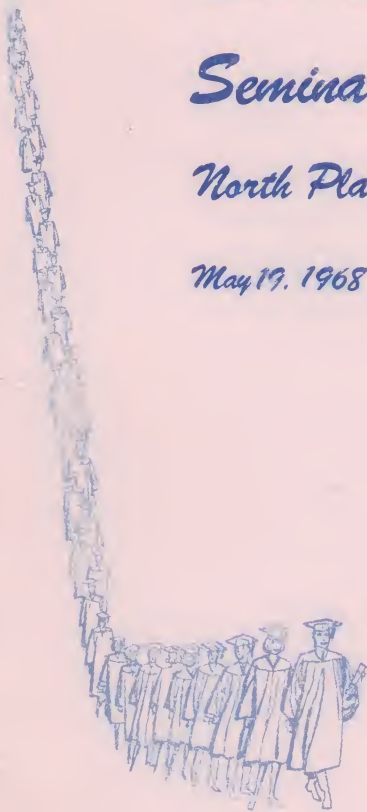
Jane Watson was the director for the Christmas pageant this year. She added some new things and it was a real success.

*L. D. S.*

*Seminary Graduation*

*North Platte, Nebraska*

*May 19, 1968*



Along with those graduating from Seminary we had some High School Graduations.

From The North Platte High School were:

Lynette Combs  
Corliss Cunningham  
Scott McNeal  
Jerry Burns

Jim Kentner has done many good things and this is just one of the honors he has received.



**HONOR SCOUT** — Eagle Scout Jim Kentner, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Kentner, 2317 West Sixth, has been named the Veterans of Foreign Wars Honor Scout of the Month. Active in youth activities at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, he holds the Duty to God Scout award and was an alternate delegate to the Governor's Report on Scouting. He also served on the Eagle Scout committee and won second place in the Optimist speech contest. A member of Troop 82, his Scoutmaster is Melbourne Poff.



1968

Elder Fredericks was one of the great missionaries we had in North Platte. He was also good with photography and took these pictures of some of our Branch members and events.



Dixie Vallentine  
teaching a Primary  
Class.

Rhonda Young  
Jan Moss  
Clark Moss  
Nora Kentner  
John Vallentine



Quilting Day at Relief Society. Sister Rose Queal, Cynthia Kentner, Bernice Kentner, Winnie Davis, Valora Weisgerber, Minnie Barnica, Avis Earl and Vern Lile.

1968

A day of dance practise! Could be we are getting ready for youth conference, and working hard on the Cha Cha!

Among those dancing we see: Jim Kentner, Cheryll Young, Susan Romans, Bob Young, Lynette Combs, Mel Poff, Nancy Romans, Steve Combs, Sheryl McNeal, Kevin Peterson, Kathy O'Dean, Corliss Cunningham, Dick Titus, even Phyllis Romans when we ran short of dancers.





1968

Elder Steve Jensen and his Priesthood Class. Kevin Peterson, Steven Combs, Jacob Burns, Bob Young and Dick Titus.



Brother Clarence O. Romans and his Sunday School Class. Looks like they all have their right hand up President Scott!

David McConnell, Steven Combs, , Cynthia Romans, Donna Young, Kathy O'Dean, Cinda Vallentine and



1968

Clarence O. Romans coming to Church with his all girl team!

Cynthia, Sister Romans, Nancy, Susan and Phyllis



Ball Practise for Youth Conference! Dick Titus, Cheryll Young and helpers!





1968

June: Trevor I. Chambers and his wife Grace travelled to Los Angeles for a visit with relatives and to do work in the Temple.

The Relief Society held their Closing Social



1968

At the Closing Social for Relief Society these young people entertained with song.

Bob Young, Kevin Marler, Julie Cunningham, Steven Combs, Corliss Cunningham, Jim Kentner, Kathy Titus, Lynette Combs, Debra Anderson



*k Moss*  
July 8, 1968 Clark Moss was baptized by his father, Dan Moss. In July the Michael George Madsen family moved to North Platte. Mike, his wife Kathy and daughters, Wendy Ann and Dawn Ann.

They came to North Platte from Spalding, Nebraska where they were members of the Grand Island Branch. Mike has served as assistant Scout Master, Second Counselor to Branch Presidents Kentner and Romans. Kathy has served as counselor in the Primary and as a Gaynote teacher. She has also served as Visiting Teacher for the Relief Society.



Mike will be returning to Provo in September of 1969 to study at BYU in the MBA program.



1968

Paula and Rhonda Scott spent the evening and night at the Romans home. The next morning President and Sister Scott, Barbara and Richard drove over from North Platte to pick them up. We felt it a real privilege to have these fine two girls in our home and to listen to the marvelous things that have happened in their lives since being in the Mission field. What a choice blessing. And we have appreciated President and Sister Scott. They have done so much for our Mission.



Barbara and Richard are having fun with Phyllis' dog, Illya. The dog weighs 120 lbs.



1968 Youth Conference August 2,3,4

Again North Platte won the Era Bowl with Dixie Vallentine, Julie and Corliss Cunningham.

West Nebraska District performed the Cha Cha and the Swing.





1968

At District Conference In North Platte a Bazaar was held with all the Branches taking part. Booths were set up in the cultural hall and many beautiful things were displayed. I think this is Sister Hall of the Mission Board with her head out of the picture---but admiring the baked goods from the North Platte Branch.



1968

August

Nancy Romans has been an example of the fine things our LDS Youth can and do attain.

## Nancy Romans Scores High In National Contest

Miss Nancy Romans, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence O. Romans of Arnold, was recently announced one of 116 semi-finalists competing in the National Merit Scholarship Contest in Nebraska. Nancy's high score ranked her in the top 30 per cent of the semi-finalists.



Over 9,000 Nebraska juniors from 335 schools took the difficult and comprehensive qualifying test last February.

Upon endorsement by their local school semi-finalists become finalists, announced Supt. Alvin Story, and they then are awarded Certificates of Merit and are eligible for various sponsored scholarships and will be competing for one of the \$1,000 National Merit Scholarships.

Nancy's present plans include enrollment in Brigham Young University with a major in music.

Linda Myer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Myer, also ranked high enough in this test to be in the upper 2 per cent of all students.



Elder Jeff Green and Elder Tapie Rohm  
This was Elder Rohms last visit to the Romans home before going home from his mission. We have enjoyed knowing this fine man and it was a privilege to have both these young men in our home. Elder Green enjoys the guitar and singing and others enjoy him!

*Allen Jared  
and Jared*

August 31, 1968 Ann and Allen Jared were married in the Oakland Temple.

Ann is 1st Counselor in the MIA and teaches the Mia Maid Class.

Allen has been a teacher and was Clerk in the District under President Moss.

September 19, 1968

## 115 CHOSEN MERIT TEST SIMIFINALISTS

A total of 115 high school seniors in Nebraska have been named semifinalists in the 1968-69 National Merit Scholarship program. They will compete, along with 15 thousand others across the nation, for three thousand college scholarships to be awarded this spring. Nancy Romans was one of these!





**NEWLYWEDS** — Miss Katherine Taylor and Ronald Stoddard, who were married recently, are living on East Tryon Rt. (Brown Harano photo)

## Taylor-Stoddard Vows

Miss Katherine Marie Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester K. Taylor of this city, recently became the bride of Ronald Lee Stoddard, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Stoddard of Tryon.

Elder Richard Godfrey officiated at the Dec. 21 wedding in the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. A reception followed.

The bride's gown of white metallic brocade was fashioned by her great-aunt, Mrs. Sylvia Brown of Ogallala. It was designed in empire lines with a wateau train. A matching brocade bow held her illusion veil. She carried a cascade of

white roses.

Misses Barbara Taylor, sister of the bride, and Donna Stoddard, sister of the groom, were bridal attendants. They wore sea blue metallic brocade frocks and carried miniature blue carnations.

The groom was attended by his brother, Larry Stoddard, and the bride's brother, Douglas Taylor. Other brothers of the groom, Earl and William Stoddard, ushered.

Mr. and Mrs. Stoddard are now at home on East Tryon Rt. She is attending North Platte High School and he is employed by the Union Pacific Railroad.



**NEWLYWEDS HONORED** — Mr. and Mrs. Guy-Francois Albert Stuart-Potter were feted at a reception here following their wedding in Salt Lake City. The bride is the former Jane Watson. (Willson photo)

## Couple Exchange Vows

Miss Jane E. Marie Watson became the bride of Guy-Francois Albert Stuart-Potter on Dec. 20 in the Latter Day Saints Temple at Salt Lake City, Utah. Elder Marion D. Hanks officiated.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Watson of North Platte. The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Jean Clarke of Tolworth, Surrey, England.

The bride was attired in a floor length gown of moire faille designed in empire lines. Her headress was a veil of Brussels lace.

Dr. Melvin A. Cook and Bishop Leyland Campbell acted as witnesses.

The newlyweds were honored at a reception and dance

Saturday at the North Platte Country Club, given by the bride's parents. The club was decorated with white carnations and sapphire blue appointments. Mesdames Ron Watson, R. William Watson and M. Dee Koch assisted at the bridal table. Miss Cynthia Kentner presided at the guest book and Miss Ellen Rosenblad attended the gift table.

The newlyweds will be at home after Jan. 2 in Provo, Utah, where the bride is a teacher in Edgemont Elementary School and the bridegroom is attending Brigham Young University. He is majoring in History and Philosophy and will work toward a doctorate in Religion.

*Kathy Stoddard*



1968

Elder Craig Kunz in the yard at the Chapel in North Platte.  
This fine Elder is from Idaho.



Barbara Scott and Phyllis Romans  
riding the turtle at the zoo in  
Denver.





1968

These pictures were taken at the Zoo in Denver on August 2. Cynthia and Phyllis Romans, Barbara and Richard Scott and Elder Tuttles children were taken to the Zoo by Brother Romans.



1968

Jim Kentner and Steven Combs received their Eagle badges in a ceremony at MIA. Since then the Elks Lodge called the boys and their parents to a special meeting and presented to each a new Eagle Scout Certificate of achievement and a flag of the United States.

Congratulations are due to the girls of the Branch for their achievements. Sheryl McNeal and Julie Cunningham made the Honor Roll at North Platte High School. Nancy Romans played the part of the "Baroness" in the stage production of "Sound of Music" given at Arnold and her sister Susan Romans accompanied on the piano the entire production.

A Calendar of events for the month of December:

Dec. 10: The Relief Society Christmas Party: Relief Society will furnish the Ham. Bring a salad or dessert, and enjoy the day. There will be a candy demonstration, as well as wreaths being made and a cookie exchange.

Dec. 16: The Christmas Primary Program at Primary. All parents are invited.

Dec. 21: Branch Christmas Party. Dinner and a program and dance.

Dec. 22,23,24 Christmas Pageant will be presented.

Dec. 29,30,31--Tithing Settlement.

December 31: The Branch New Year's Eve party.



1969

# Two Searchers Lost, But Survive Long, Cold Night

By SHARRON HOLLEN

Two searchers for the lost Augustana College plane became lost themselves in the sandhills terrain north of Maxwell and wandered all night Saturday and part of Sunday through sometimes neck-high snow trying to find their way to shelter.

Scott McNeal, 19, a freshman at North Platte Junior College and Ken Adams, 33, 722 South Poplar, are reported in satisfactory condition in local hospitals today suffering from exposure, frostbite and exhaustion.

The snow vehicle the two had borrowed on Saturday morning broke down sometime late Saturday afternoon in an area north of Maxwell and the two started back looking for a farmhouse.

McNeal reported that at times they thought they were walking on level terrain when suddenly the snow would collapse under them and they would find themselves in snow up to their necks.

Although they were uncertain as to the time, McNeal and Adams thought they became separated sometime about 10:30 Saturday night.

Adams rested in a shelter they had constructed behind a snow drift with fence posts and sometime during the night McNeal reported he took shelter in a haystack.

At about 9 a.m. Sunday morning McNeal was found in a feed lot area about four miles north of the Harold Sukraw ranch. The Sukraw place is located six miles north and a mile west of Maxwell.

Temperatures Saturday night and Sunday ranged between 16 and 20 degrees and there was little wind during the night. The wind chill factor remained between 0 degrees and eight degrees below zero.

Sukraw reported he had not originally intended to drive to the feed area Sunday morning but something had prompted him to make the trip.

McNeal, who was brought to North Platte by the Lincoln County ambulance, reported that Adams was still out in the hills somewhere.

Joe McNeff and Howard



**RECUPERATING** — Scott McNeal, 18, rests in a hospital bed today after harrowing weekend experience.

Haythorn, both of Maxwell, began a search of the hills and located Adams at about noon wandering in a field about four miles north of the Haythorn ranch. The Haythorn ranch is located about two and a half miles east and a mile north of Maxwell.

The men estimated that Adams had walked between 15 and 18 miles during the night.

Adams commented that during the night he had come across a water tank and the "water sure felt warm."

"It was like the end of the world out there," McNeal said. "One hill looks just like another."

Heavy fog, blowing snow and sleet hampered visibility and after searchers had begun their work they were fearful the wind might erase any sign of tracks.

Both men were lightly dressed when they sat out Saturday. They were not a part of an organized search group.

Mr. and Mrs. Mearl McNeal, 2303 West A, parents of Scott, had just reported him missing on Sunday morning when a call came in from Sukraw over a citizen-band radio that he had found McNeal.

The elder McNeal reported he had known what Scott was going

means of two way communication.

to do and the general vicinity in which he was headed.

"When he didn't return that night we were worried but there was nothing that could be done until daylight," he said.

"This could have been a real tragedy," Hop Gilster, Lincoln County Sheriff said. "We've been afraid something like this might happen when people went out searching for that plane."

Gilster went on to add that the Sheriff's office does not sanction searches made by people who are unfamiliar with the countryside and highly recommended that search groups should be made up of parties of from six to eight, equipped with some

This was a real experience for Scott McNeal.

Now, on August 28 he will embark on another real experience. This time in the service of the Lord. He has received his call to the Central Atlantic Mission. Scott is excited and his family are thrilled with this calling. Scott's mother, Sister Mearle was baptized a member this year.

*McNeal McNeal*  
*McNeal McNeal*  
*McNeal McNeal*



1969

Sister Avis May Earll is one of the faithful members of the North Platte Branch. She comes to all the meetings. Helps out on Work Day at Relief Society

*Avis M Earll*



Sharon K. Jared has been a Counselor in the Primary to Sister LuJean Moss and is a Counselor to Brnice Kentner. She has also been the Clerk typist.

David R. Jared has been Clerk to President Dean Kentner.

Sharon and David were married in the Moss home.

Sister Grace Chambers is on the sick list at this time with a broken arm. But she is on the mend and keeping up with her Church work and other things. Brother and Sister Chambers have one son going to school at BYU. Roland, completed his mission and spent from November to the end of May at BYU. He is working this summer at a pool in Provo. Michael Chambers will be a Senior at High School this year. Some of his accomplishments are:  
County Judge on County Government Day  
Secretary of the Sophomore Class 1967-8  
He has attended Seminary for 3 years, and been to youth conference two times. At Youth Conference he received an award for participation in Music, swimming, dance, and ball games.  
He received his 20 hour dance certificate for the year 1967-68  
Certificate of achievement in the Aaronic Priesthood as a Teacher.  
And Mike was ordained a Priest on September 15, 1968.

Brother and Sister Joseph Jensen moved from Idaho to the North Platte Branch. Among other positions which they hold, they have published a Branch newspaper. On the following page we will present their last copy of the "Messenger". Brother and Sister Jensen have four children. Leslie, Mayrene, Bruce and Nate.

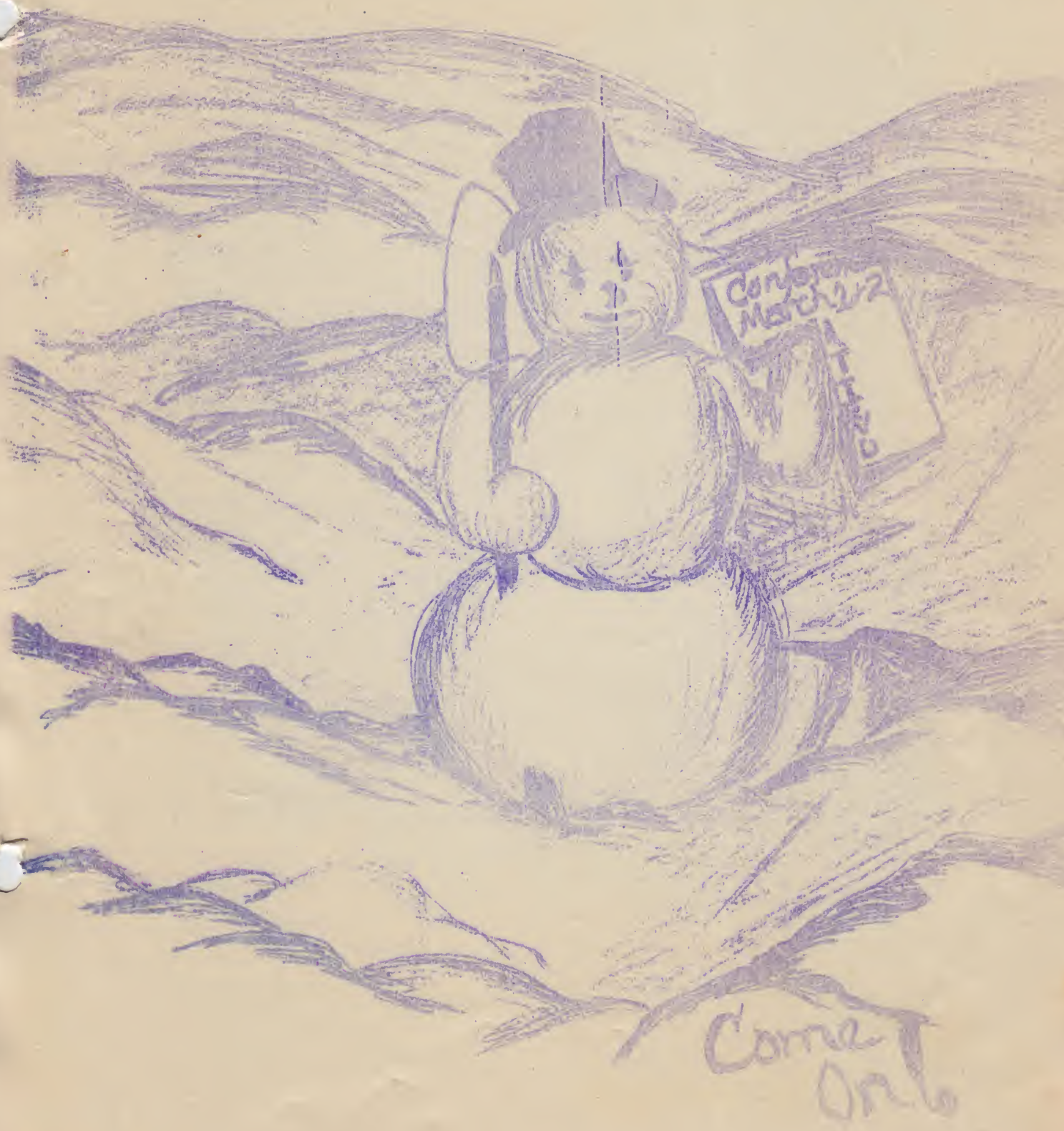


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Come On



# The Messenger

A  
NEW  
DISTRICT  
ORGANIZED

On February 17, Elder Theodore Tuttle, First Pres. of the Seventies, General Authority from Salt Lake City, put into effect the organization of the new West Nebraska District. The combining of Grand Island, Kearney, Hastings and North Platte branches made up the new District. Bridgeport and Sidney were transferred to the Cheyenne Stake from our area.

- Elder Tuttle challenged this area to make a growth on their own, by
1. Learning the Gospel. This he encouraged gaining by reading at least 15 minutes each day, the standard work of your choosing.
  2. Living the gospel.
  3. Sharing it. He stressed that everyone was a missionary in his or her own way by just living the gospel and sharing it with others every chance that comes along.

In closing he gave a "blessing" to the District, that if united and the love for one another was in abundance, that the "new" Nebraska District would grow.

Traveling with Elder Tuttle were two elder assistants, Brother and Sister Scott. President Dan Moss was sustained as the "new" BSA District President with Elders Thomas Goodman and Grant Jacobsen, as his new first and second counselors, respectively. Words of advice, encouragement, and enthusiasm were given by these brethren, during the meeting.

A musical number from Grand Island added to the spirit of the meeting.

All District Officers will be sustained on Sunday, Feb. 24 at the conference held at the North Platte chapel, Saturday and Sunday. Schedule included with Messenger this month.

A  
WEEK-END  
OF  
BRIGHAM  
YOUNG  
CITY  
WITH  
THE  
BRANCH

A WEEK-END to remember was the week-end of the February 8-10 for a greater part of the Branch. This was when homes were filled with BYU students, who did so well with their performance, "Star Time." North Platte was given a small portion of what the Brigham Young University gives to its students attending there. With song, dance, and speech, BYU was very much successful. Saturday Night at their performance.

Sunday, the 8th, was a day for the Branch Members. The morning began with the BYU students hosting the priesthood and Relief Society members. Following this some of the troupe were called on to speak on behalf of education, campus policy, education in a man's future, as well as education in a gal's future. All were enjoyed by the branch, including Sis Janie Thompson, the leader of the group. (We could even call her mom for these kids.)

This same group of 45 Mormon kids held a special fireside in the evening, which proved very inspirational, to all who attended. Each of the cast stood upon their feet and bore their testimonies, including a non-member.

On behalf of the branch Pres. a thank you is given to members who helped to make this week-end such a success that it was, especially to those who arranged for their housing, their coming through the Boy Scouts, those who donated pies for the luncheon served to the troupe, as well as many, probably unseen acts of kindness rendered.

For those who are wondering, Brother Duane Chase, a member of the cast who only had about 5 of the leading numbers, and after the performance developed appendicitis was able to make the last performance in Bismarck thanks to Dan Moss. He spent some time in Grove hospital, but is now recovered.



PRIMARY

OFFICERS

INSTALLED  
AND  
DUSTATED

Since the first of the year, the Branch Primary has been changed, sustaining Sis Bernice Buntner as president and Sisters Sharon Jared and Cathy Madsen as first and second councilors, respectively. All Primary workers remained the same, with an addition of Bro Mike Chambers as Guide Patrol Leader and Sister Linda Ratcliff as primary teacher.

We, of the branch to give Sister Moss a vote of thanks for a job well done!!

Sister Kamsner would like to remind everyone that the Primary Pennies are due now and would those who still have their envelope, please hand them in by March 1st? Up to date the Branch has collected \$45.00 toward this fund to be sent to the Primary Children's Hospital. Let us all support this worthy cause and get our envelopes to the Primary Workers.

JUNE

MIA

CONFERENCE

AHEAD

The MIA is happy to report that they have received the dates for June conference being June 27 - 29. A eight-couple group representing the branch will go to Denver sometime in the future to try and qualify for the June Conference Dance. This is the main reason for such extensive practise being stressed on the Dancing in MIA. It is hoped that all will attend the practised called in the future, so as to perfect the dance, well enough, to pass the Denver inspection and be able to go on to Salt Lake and dance there. This is the MIA's goal.

The gals costume kits are available now. The fellows are to wear dark suits and black shoes. We wish this group lots of luck.

There will be a dance practise during conference this week-end. For time, check with Bro Lile or Sister Combs. Other Branches will be there also, dancing the same dance. (Dance Practise will be held Saturday afternoon at 2:00 P.M. for those who are going to June conference.)

A Get-Aquainted Party will be held for those of Mutual age and over, Saturday evening from 7-9:00 P.M. Come and meet those from the East Branches!! Every

LADY  
MISSIONARIES???

Branch "Scuttle" is that soon in this area we may have some more missionaries. They are to lady-missionaries this time. They have not arrived as of yet, but when they do, have lots of contacts for them to talk to, okay??

WELCOME!!!

We, as a branch, want to welcome Sister Ratcliff and Bro. Beenblossom in to the Branch as our newest members. As you can already see that no one spends too much idle time after joining. The Primary has already adopted Sis Ratcliff. Watch out Bro. Beenblossom, you're next.

WORD  
RECEIVED.

Word was received of the death of Brother William L. Nichols on Jan 26. Services were held in the LDS Chapel in Valentine on Jan 28 869.

CONGRATULATIONS  
TO

Nancy Romans of Arnold has been accepted at BYU for next year. Congratulations also go to Cathy Titus and Randy Beenblossom, married on Cupid's Day, Feb. 1. A Reception was held in their honor at the North Platte Chapel that night.

IS  
WYVOT

We are losing the Vandenberg family now in Maxwell. Bro. Vandenberg is being transferred out of our area.



Janet L. Anderson  
 John L. Anderson  
 Cyril Eugene Barsby  
 Agnes M. Bajot  
 Micheal W. Bajot  
 Fredrick George Brown  
 Harold Henry Brummer  
 Shauntelle Lee Brummer  
 Steven Roy Campbell  
 Charles C. Cassell  
 Trevor L. Chambers  
 Kevin Combs  
 Anita Ree Copeland  
 Rosa I. Courier  
 Deloresa Dancer  
 Mabel Danks  
 Thomas M. EggersRita  
 Rita E. Gardis  
 James M. Hyde  
 Rose Marie Jackson  
 Una H. Jarmin  
 Mary Alice Kelley

Lydia H. Mullenbore  
 Micheal Nida  
 Katheryn E. Odian  
 Kenneth A. Parker  
 Gail D. Pittman  
 George Rajdale  
 Sidney L. Redfield  
 Douglas A. Reynolds  
 Julie Ann Rhodes  
 Katheryn Romans  
 Gregory Lee Romans  
 Henry Jo Romans  
 Phyllis Ann Romana  
 Peggy Jean Smith  
 Farn Arilla Snyder  
 Calvin Y. Titus  
 Katherine Jean Titus  
 Othello Tomlinson  
 Connie S. Vandberg  
 Mark A. Vandenberg  
 Helen L. Walker  
 Hazel E. White  
 Charollette Young

Dear Branch Members,

Sorry to have not got this newsletter out sooner, however there has been a small technically existing in the "Jensen" namely the "broken bone" whammy hanging over our heads. Donna fell on the 16th of January and broke her leg in four good places, and on the 11th of February, May our daughter came up with a broken finger. This has slowed the Jensen household down somewhat. The best friend Joe and the kids have had is the little gadget called the "camcorder" and Mom's cook books. Donna has had to take it easy and find things to do for the past 6 weeks. The doctor has finally let her out of the house, so we are back at work. Thank heavens we have 8 more weeks of caste-living in the Jensen family.

We do, however, want to thank the members who were so considerate with us at this time, especially to those who gave our family Sunday dinner, food and goodies that help when Mom was down, to those who sent flowers and cards while Donna was in the hospital and at home, to those who were kind enough to come and spend a few hours of their busy day with our Mom to just keep her company and to those who made special to visit with her on the phone when she called them or they called her, and to Sis Jared who got our mom starting to knit in her past time. She has a sweater almost finished now. Also for the prayers in Mom's behalf....

We do appreciate the association we have had this past few months since coming to Nebraska. God grant that you the blessings that you have earned so well!

Respect

THE JENSEN FAMILY



1969

The Primary held their Daddy and Daughter Party. Phyllis Romans and her Dad are enjoying the Virginia Reel.

Other couples dancing are Wayne Cunningham and his daughter Sharon. They are non-members from Arnold. Sharon goes to Primary in the Romans Home with Phyllis.

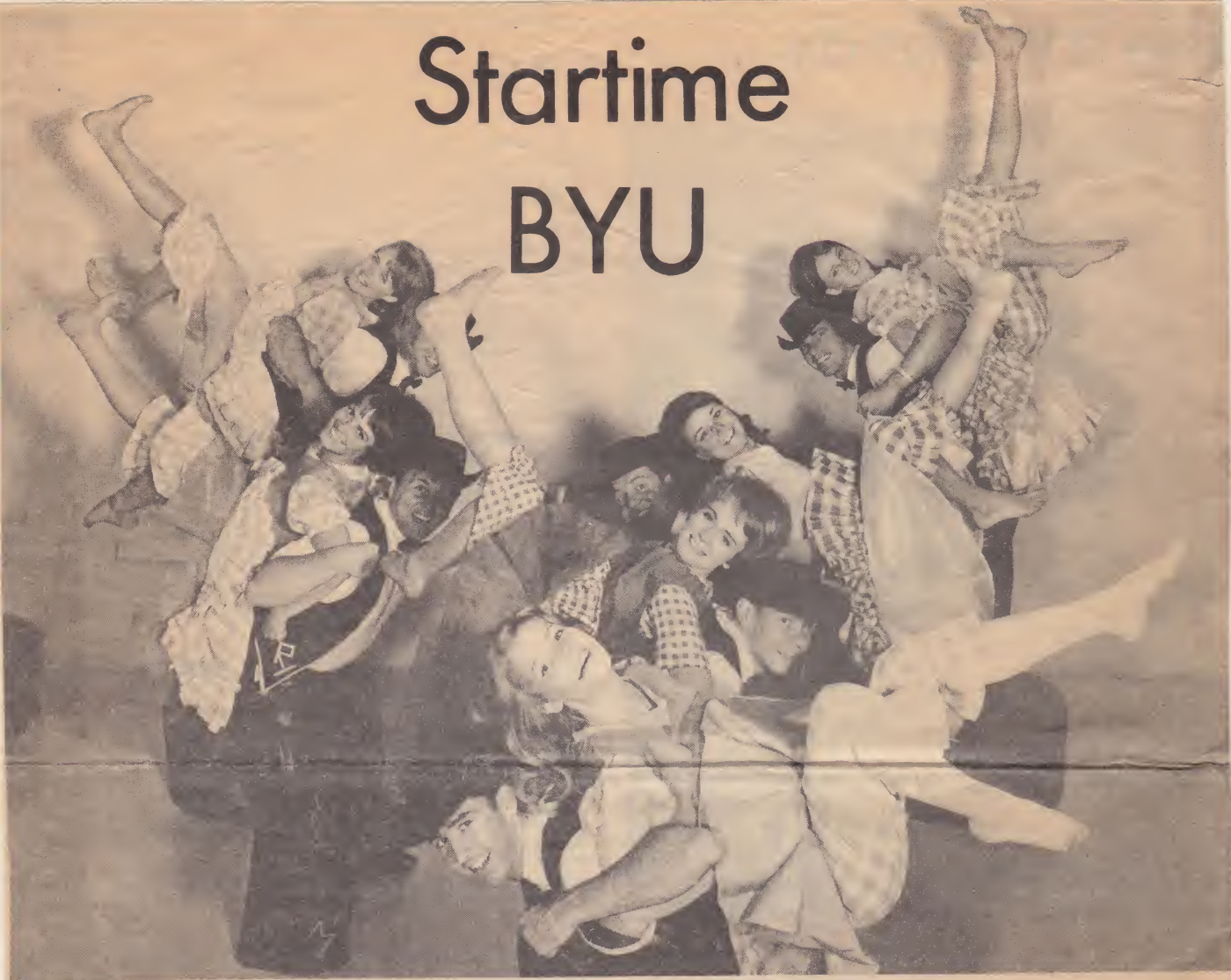
Dean Kentner and Nora. Mike Madsen is taking the place of Dad for a non-member friend of Nora Kentner's.



Dinner was served by candle light and the girls were delighted. Sharon Cunningham is pleased to have her Dad at the party. Each of the girls had a corsage of carnations. Sister Kathy Madsen and Sister Bernice Kentner were the leaders.



# Startime BYU



One of the fast-paced production numbers from "Startime BYU" appearing in North Platte on Satur-

day under the sponsorship of the Boy Scout organization.

## Scouts sponsor collegiate show

"Startime BYU", one of the most acclaimed collegiate talent shows in the country, will be presented by Brigham Young University in North Platte on Saturday.

The cast of 45 collegians will perform at North Platte High School auditorium starting at 7:30 p.m. The program is sponsored by the local Boy Scout organization.

The show has performed throughout several sections of the United States. A "Startime" show has also visited and entertained U. S. servicemen stationed abroad.

The fast-moving program features BYU students in a gala

array of singing and dancing numbers, all colorfully costumed, and featuring talented students from all over the nation.

Robert Hempe, Tri-Trails Council scout executive, predicted "a tremendous show, the best entertainment in North Platte this year."

He said the show was conceived and underwritten by local business and professional men.

The Boy Scouts are selling tickets, which also are available from the Boy Scouts office by phone or at the door on Saturday night.

The money raised will be kept by Scout units to finance cam-

ping gear and trips.

Newspapers around the world have acclaimed the clean wholesome attitude reflected by BYU students in their productions, as well as hailed the excellence of the productions.

Leaders of church, civic and foreign groups have praised the ability of the groups to spread good-will in addition to their performing talents. The Department of State and Department of the Army recently commended the group for boosting the morale of U. S. servicemen and serving as good-will ambassadors for the United States.



1969 February 9

Members of the cast of Star Time 69 stayed in the homes of members of the North Platte Branch. This was a thrilling experience for all.

Pete Henderson, one of the sponsors, stayed with the Romans family. Originally he was from New Zealand and his Testimony was a marvelous thing. We sat around the table in the kitchen both Saturday night and Sunday night talking, listening to the guitars, and eating pizza! Nancy and Susan are tired but can't miss out on any of the conversation.



Kim Cameron, most preferred man on Campus, and with a big part in the show, is helping himself to some grapes. Cynthia Romans is tired but happy---and why not! Not many 13 year old girls get to sit by the Most Preferred Man!



Duane Chase spent Saturday night with the Romans. Ate Pizza right along with the rest. But when morning came he let them know that he still had a side ache. After calling the Doctor, Bro. Romans took him to North Platte and the hospital. By noon that day he had been operated on for Appendicitis. What a blow to



Duane. He had so many parts in the show. And was so great. But, alas, the show must go on, and Duane had to stay in North Platte for the next week. Everyone was good to him. Bro. and Sister Sorensen had him come to their home when he could get out of the hospital and President Moss and family took him to Denver on Saturday where he could watch the performance of the show. But by the time he got to Provo he was ready for the hospital again and spent about a week. At last report he was feeling good.



1969     Star Time 69

One of the great performers on the show was Tony De Pietro. He was a non-member, played the mandolin. When told that he would be staying at the Romans home, a suburb of North Platte, and a distance of 41 miles, he was ready to find a bed on the stage at the School. But it worked out better than he thought and we really enjoyed this young man. He and Harry Schultz performed in the Romans home and had us all thrilled.

Harry Schultz was a real special person and was the Romans' Most Preferred Man-----Very shy at first and reserved he finally let himself go a little and was very special. He seemed to be blessed with many talents. Singing, playing the guitar, trumpet, the bass fiddle and probably more that no one told us about.

The meetings on Sunday were taken over by this group and it was the best thing that had happened to North Platte in a long time. We all felt built up in testimony and in togetherness after this experience. And to have them in our homes, learn to love and respect them, was a great thing.



Tony DePietro has since been baptized a member of the Church



1969

Mary Kelley is a member of the North Platte Branch and her son Floyd Kelley is the Sunday School Superintendant.

### Greetings From The White House

Mrs. Mary Kelley, who celebrated her 96th birthday last Sunday, received a card of congratulations from President and Mrs. Richard Nixon and it made her day complete. As yet, however, she doesn't know who sent the President word that she was observing her birthday.

Seven of her nine children were present for the occasion: Floyd Kelley, Mrs. Fred Speer, and Mrs. Lily Anderson of this city, Mrs. Roy Hughbanks, Mrs. Myrtle Yanken and Roy Kelley of Maxwell and Ernest Kelley of

Melbeta, Charles Kelley of Inglis, Fla., and Mrs. Vern Speer of Arvada, Colo., were unable to attend. Grandchildren and their families present included the Charles Kelleys of this city and the John Lindenmuths of Pueblo, Colo., and Glen Kelley of Melbeta.

Maxwell War Mothers sent a centerpiece for the reception attended by 75 guests in the afternoon, and a granddaughter, Mrs. Dorothy Bain, made the birthday cake which was a focal point of attention.

Elva Agnes Yaw Pursel was given her Patriarchal blessing by Eldred G. Smith in Salt Lake City on March 25, 1969. She was also able to do 5 baptisms for the dead. *Elva A Pursel*

President Dan Moss flew Sister Pursel and her husband, who isn't a member yet, but will soon be one, to Salt Lake for this work.

Sister Pursel was baptized a member ~~in~~ the North Platte font on January 25, 1965 by Elder Arthur Tanner and confirmed by Estel Lile. Sister Pursel is a jewel and loved by everyone.



This picture was taken on Nov 24, 1960 at the home of Sister Rose Queale. Seated is Albert Elsworth House 97. From left to right, Dora Wever, Rose Queale, Albert Ray House, Cora Keys, his children and Lourye Keys his son in law. *Rose Queale*

Sister Queale had her father in her home about 7 years. He died in the Bethesda Home 18 June 1967 at the age of 103 years 6 months. Sister Queale became a member of the Church in 1951. Dora Wever became a member in 1961.



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DR. DAN MOSS

## Dr. Moss Heads New LDS District

Dr. Dan E. Moss of North Platte has been appointed District President of the newly formed Nebraska District of the Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints.

Elder Verl Scott of Denver made the appointment and it was sustained by some 200 members attending a district conference here Sunday.

The new district will comprise North Platte, Grand Island, Kearney and Hastings, Bridgeport and Sidney have been transferred to the Cheyenne District. The Valentine area was formed into an independent branch with Newton Mullendore as the new branch president.

Clarence Romans of Arnold was appointed to serve as the new branch president for North Platte with Estel Lile and Michael Madsen of this city as Councilors.

Bernell Edwards of Kearney was appointed to serve as branch president for Kearney. Dean Kentner, former branch president of North Platte, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Combs, Mrs. Joseph Jensen and Mrs. Dan Moss, will serve on the district council representing North Platte.

The North Platte Relief Society, chairmanned by Mrs. Winnie Davis, served a noon luncheon, after which leadership training schools were held. Special emphasis was on the branch Sunday School system and the music department. Special priesthood training sessions were held for the Elders.

*[Handwritten signature]*



**ENGAGEMENT TOLD** — Mr. and Mrs. James Welke of Ainsworth have announced the engagement of their daughter, Patricia Illene, to Lester Keith Taylor Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Taylor of this city. Miss Welke, a 1968 graduate of Ainsworth High School, is attending North Platte Beauty Academy. Her fiance is a 1966 graduate of Senior High School and is employed by the Union Pacific Railroad. Wedding plans are indefinite. (Brown Harano photo)

On April 25, 1969 Patricia Welke was baptized into the Church by Branch President Clarence O Romans. When asked by Sister Taylor who she would want to baptize her she said "That nice man that always speaks to me but I don't know his name".

Glendin Garner is the only member of her family that is a member of the Church. She has been secretary in the MIA this past year. Glendin has a real talent for drawing.



MISS GLENDIN GARNER

## Miss Garner Is Bride-Elect

Announcement is made by Mr. and Mrs. Gerald W. Hanson of this city of the engagement of their daughter, Glendin K. Garner, to Airman Bradford J. Patrick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Patrick of Denver, Colo.

Miss Garner and her fiance are planning an August wedding.



1968 April 30, 1969

The word finally came and Nancy Jo Romans had made it!



NANCY ROMANS

## National Merit Scholarship To Arnold Girl

ARNOLD — Nancy J. Romans, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Romans of Arnold, was one of 29 Nebraska high school students named National Merit Scholarship Winners announced today.

Miss Romans received a four-year scholarship from Brigham Young University, where she plans to major in Music.

Accepting the grant will mean turning down a four-year Regents Scholarship which she had won at the University of Nebraska.

During her four years in Arnold High School she has won a number of honors, in addition to music, however.

She placed in the top 10 at Kearney Inter-High Scholastic Contests all four of her years in high school, in subjects ranging from world history to general science, and this year she was named the school's Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow for her knowledge in homemaking skills.

In Inter-High scholastic competition she placed third in general science her freshman year; sixth in World History as a sophomore; fourth in American History as a junior; and ninth in American Government as a senior.

Her music awards include superiors in both clarinet and piano at the district music contest this year; being named a member of the Hastings College Honor Band; and singing with the school's triple trio, mixed octette and chorus.

Nancy Jo Romans

I'm very thankful  
for the educational  
opportunities I've had,  
both in school and in the  
church. I feel my many  
church experiences, such  
as giving 2 1/2 minute talks,  
when I barely was old,  
have helped me have  
the desire and ability  
to learn that I  
know love.

She has been a varsity cheerleader for three years and is an officer in Future Homemakers of America, and served last year as toastmistress of the school athletic banquet. She also holds interests in drama and sports, and was named best actress in her school her junior year, lettered in volleyball for three years and is a member of the girls' track team.



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Eugene Ray Race lives in Sutherland, Nebraska. He was baptized on April 14 by President Clarence O. Romans.

Mary Jane Amy Race was baptized on this same date by Jim Lew Kentner.

We owe our new and glorious life to Riley and Dora Elliott and the wonderful missionaries Sister Ila B. Mortensen and Thea De Junker.

*Love Mary Race*



Our Congratulations to the

## May, 1969 Graduation Class!



Pictured at left is the 1969 Graduates of North Platte Beauty Academy.

BACK ROW LEFT TO RIGHT: Diana Closman, Gaylene Kastler, Judy Bundy, Rose Weskamp, Marsha Gathman, Angil Horn, Barbara Harris, Rochelle Markwardt.

FRONT ROW LEFT TO RIGHT: Marty Meroney, Patricia Welke, Carolyn Webb.

Not Pictured Aleta Blue.

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Dial 532-4664

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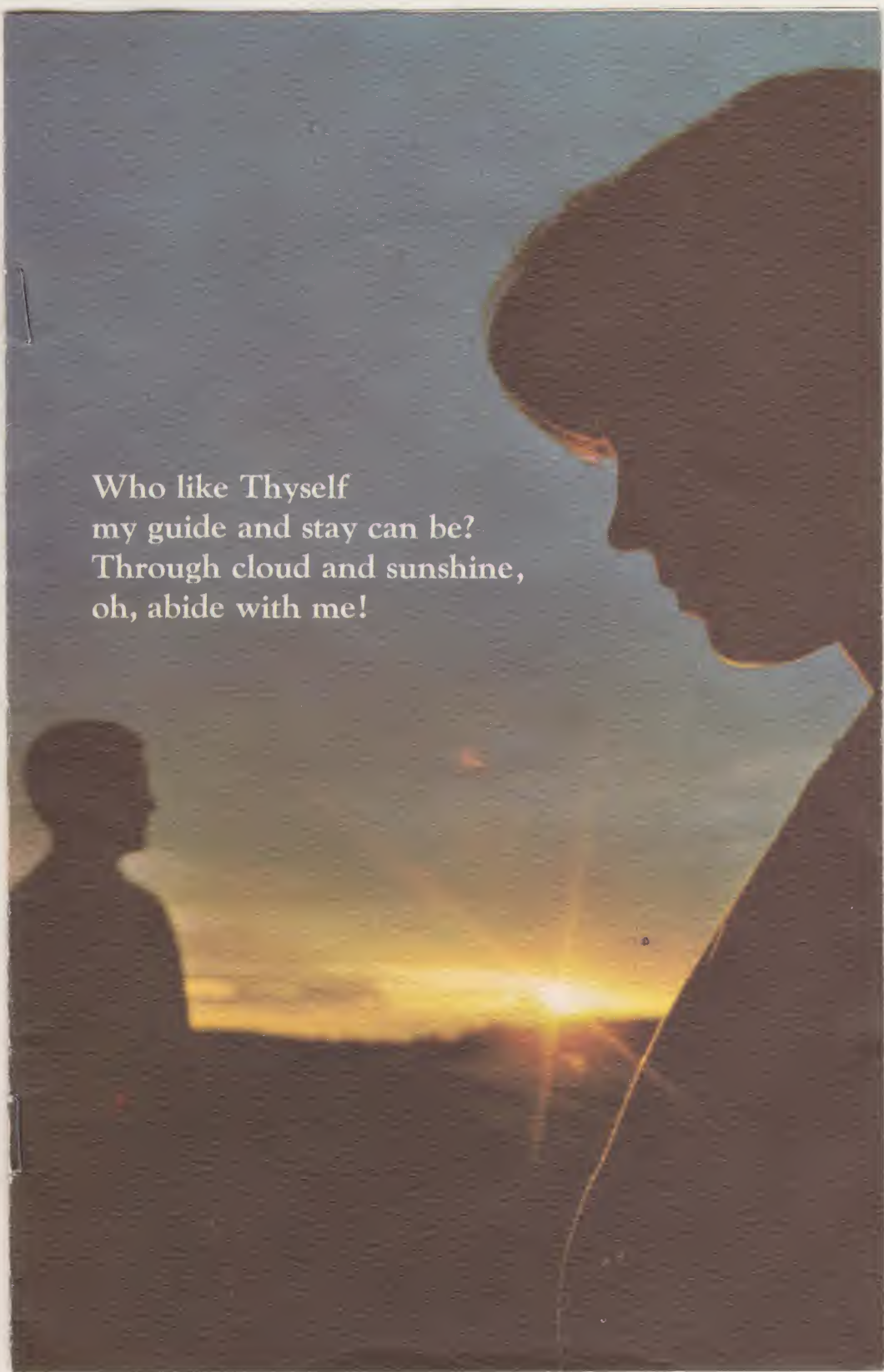
North Platte,  
Nebraska

Patricia Welke, A member of the Church since April 25, 1969



1969 May 25

Who like Thyself  
my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine,  
oh, abide with me!



# SEMINARY GRADUATION

WE ARE A PILE OF ALL THAT WE HAVE SEEN . . . Fred Alfred Thompson

May 15, 1969

PRESIDING .....

CONDUCTING .....

ORGANIST .....

CHORUS .....

OPENING SONG .....

OPENING PRAYER .....

SIXTH .....

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Clayton Fox  
John Ketterer  
Sheryl Holmes  
Gloria Gertman

John B. Jones

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The Spirit of God Take a Fire is burning



1969

Relief Society President for North Platte is Sister Winnie Davis.  
Here we have pictures of the teachers for the year 1968-69.



Sister Elsie  
Kelley has been  
the Literature  
teacher for  
several years.



Sister Verna Lile  
is teaching  
Social Relations.

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Theola Merrill  
is Work Leader  
for the North  
Platte Relief  
Society



Sister Lucille  
Cunningham has  
been teaching  
the Spiritual  
Living lesson  
since Donna Jensen  
broke her foot.  
Sister Cunningham  
can always be  
counted on to  
fill any teaching  
assignment and to  
do a good job of  
it.



Sister Bernice Kentner has been a counselor in the Relief Society and also Work Leader. Now she is Primary President. Sister Grace Chambers is Secretary in the Relief Society.



*Grace Chambers*





1969

Those graduating from High School this year were as follows:

Nancy Romans: she will go to BYU.

From North Platte: Glendin Garner

Sheryl McNeal, with plans to enter North Platte college.

Kevin Petersen, business college in Grand Island

Sheryl McNeal received a \$300 grant to Kearney Teachers college. She was awarded a \$100 scholarship to the school of her choice from the North Platte Education Association. She will major in elementary education. Sheryl refused the government grant.

An Honor Award was given to Sheryl for being in the top 20 of 359 in her class. She received the distinction of being placed in the National Honor Society by being in the top 1/3 of the class. Character, service, scholarship and leadership were graded by all faculty members for this honor.

Sheryl Graduated from Seminary and got a 3 yr. pin. She is a member of Quill and Scroll, the honor club for newspaper and annual staff members in the top 1/3 of the class and she has over 50 published articles. She was reporter and on the business staff for advertising.

Sheryl was President of Future Teachers of America and a member of NIKE.

Following are some of Sheryl's published articles:

February 27, 1969

## Performer's Stay Unforgettable; Upsets Plague BYU Group

by Sheryl McNeal

North Platte, first stop for the BYU Startime USA Show, will no doubt be long remembered by one performer as he was stranded here for a week while everyone else continued the tour.

After the performance Saturday, Feb. 8, he complained of a severe stomach ache. Not wishing to be a nuisance, he went to his host's home. But not for long!

Early Sunday morning he was taken to St. Mary's hospital with an appendicitis attack.

He remained in the hospital while his friends continued to Omaha. One week later he was

flown to Denver by Dr. Dan Moss, where he rejoined the troupe.

Upsets seemed to shadow the 43 college students from the very start. Before even boarding the bus in Provo, Utah, several members of the group came down with the flu and were unable to make the trip.

Saturday afternoon they arrived at North Platte and during practice one girl dislocated her jaw while singing. After treatment, she performed that evening with her twin sister.

Startime BYU was a variety show featuring "Music for Everyone". The program included folk music, Blue Grass, classical, square dancing, rock, jazz, Broadway hits and novelty numbers.

## Rights Return Upon Release

How does a convict vote?

Not at all if he is convicted of a serious enough crime to be committed to a penitentiary. When and if released or paroled, civil rights are restored and their political right, voting, is also reinstated. This information was obtained from Jim, a member of the recent Project Youth panel and one who ought to know for he is confined to the Nebraska State Penitentiary.

Concerning the county jail, one researcher was told that a resident of the county jail would be allowed to vote if the sheriff got the absentee ballots. Further questioning of various individuals turned up the apparent fact that the subject of prisoner suffrage had not come up to anyone's knowledge and no one recalled that a prisoner had ever requested a ballot.

Although loss of voting privileges may not be an actual deterrent to crime, it is one more privilege that is lost for those committing crimes that result in confinement to a prison and an extreme inconvenience to those committing lesser crimes.

*These are just a few  
of my stories. The only  
ones I have more than  
one copy of.*

November 7, 1968



# Hurrying 'Harriers' Hustle

... Or the 5-Minute 4-Minute Mile

By Sheryl McNeal

Late again! That seems to be the cry of despair of students who are unable to make the four minute limit between classes—especially those students who have a third floor mathematics or history class and must literally run to the next period's class, music, science or gym in the annex.

These harried students could make it to class if the halls were cleared. But let's follow an average student as he runs the four-minute mile in, alas, five minutes.

As he proceeds down the hall, his progress is impeded by the general rush to the stairs. In the midst of confusion, the boy in front of you drops his debate box and over one hundred cards go spilling on the steps. To avoid being rude, one must make an effort to help in the rescue.

On the second floor one becomes carried along with the tide and swept slowly down to the first

floor. Getting around the corner is virtually impossible unless you are a tackle on the football team.

The final stretch approaches. Only one more obstacle to meet. That is the small clusters of fellow students who didn't have far to go and stand in the middle of the hall talking. As the bell commences to ring they step into their classrooms.

The hall quickly empties. The coast is clear. Now, when one could walk leisurely you still hurry. The goal is in sight. The door knob greets your touch. You open the door. All eyes are on you as you inch to your row and creep to your desk, the last one in the furthest row.

As you sit down the teacher looks up, sees you panting for breath, sympathizes, and instead of sending you back to your last period class to get an excuse says, "Try a little harder next time."

Sheryl McNeal



## Teaching Turnabout Is Fair Play Or A Great Student Switcheroo

By SHERYL McNEAL

Have you ever felt hated? Have you ever felt daggers as you walked down a row of students? It's rather a unique situation for most of us but Wednesday, Feb. 19 was my day to experience it.

I was asked to brave the stares, whispering, and note passing. In other words I was asked to teach my English class. When Mrs. Hornbacher asked me to student teach, my first impression was excitement, but it soon gave way to —PANIC!

I asked the help of other teachers, but no one was going to be there standing with me for some fifty minutes. I was alone. It may have been imagined, but I had the feeling the students were just waiting for me to make a mistake. But no one attacked me, and there was no mob violence when I assign-

ed a written essay. Although there were a few groans and upward glances. Some hopefully looked at the clock.

Getting in front of my class was one thing, but that night I had to grade the papers. Only then did I really appreciate and understand what a teacher, any teacher, has to go through. It's hard to grade objectively, without being prejudiced.

Of course it was a valuable experience for me as I plan to teach. Every one should sit in the teacher's place at least once in their life. It's a new world. You look at a classroom situation through different eyes.

I've been branded walking down the halls. I feel like hiding, but of course only laugh, when I'm hailed as "hey, teach."

Do you know what it's like to be the most unpopular girl in school?

## Rooster Changes Into a Donkey

Are you a rooster, an elephant, or a donkey? If you proclaim yourself a donkey and are dubious about the rooster, have no fear, the donkey and rooster are one in the same.

If that statement seems confusing, it is easily explained that originally the symbol of the Democratic party was a rooster with one leg resting on an egg. It was discontinued when a joke became a common byword "They've laid an egg."

The donkey was introduced in 1874 by Thomas Nast in a cartoon in *Harper's Weekly*. The elephant made its appearance November 7, 1874 in a cartoon in *Harper's Weekly* also by Thomas Nast. The two symbols have remained through the years.



1969      The Vernon Combs' Family

Lynette and Steven, Sister Vera Combs, Kevin and Brother Vernon Combs.

Vera Combs:    North Platte Branch YWMIA President  
                  Sunday School Teacher  
                  Nebraska District YWMIA President

Vernon Combs: Elders Quorum leader in the North Platte Branch  
                  District Aaronic Priesthood Secretary

Lynette:    North Platte Branch Organist  
                  B.Y.U. Student

Steven:    Priesthood pianist.    Has been ordained a Teacher in the  
                  Aaronic Priesthood.

Kevin:    Deacon in the Aaronic Priesthood.



1969 Gerald and Lucille Cunningham

Gerald and Lucille Cunningham together with their daughters Corless and Julie were members of the North Platte Branch when President Scott came into the mission.

During the growing years that followed Gerald served as 1st Counselor in the Sunday School and Lucille finished her time as District Relief Society Education counselor under Sister Kathryn Romans to go on to teach the literature lesson in Relief Society and later the Spiritual Living lesson.

Julie worked in the District Primary, Branch Primary and Sunday School as teacher and organist. She participated on the Era Bowl team in 1968. In Jr. High she was lead ~~as~~ "Buttercup" in the musical H.M.S. PINAFORE. Academically speaking she has done quite well maintaining a "1" or A average in High School so far. For the coming year she will serve on the paper staff for her high school.

Corliss was Seminary president the year that group traveled to Salt Lake City to do baptisms for the dead. She helped in Primary and Sunday School as chorister. Junior Achievement was an organization she enjoyed in 1968 she was elected President of her company, and chosen as "President of the Year" for North Platte representing her town in Denver as leadership discussion leader. She also enjoyed varsity debate for three years and North Platte's extemporaneous speaker. The commencement year ended with Corliss as student speaker.

At Youth Conference Corliss participated in the Era Bowl for all the years it has been held. This year at BYU she continued to serve in 57th Ward as Sunday School Chorister and represented her ward at Stake Speech Festival. For the coming school year she was elected "Q"-Hall President in Deseret (Desperate) Towers.



Gerald Cunningham  
Lucille Cunningham

Corliss Cunningham  
Julie Cunningham





JOHN E. DAVIS  
Killed In Vietnam

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## Local Soldier, PFC John Davis, Dies In Vietnam

A North Platte soldier, PFC John E. Davis, was killed Wednesday in Vietnam when the patrol boat on which he was riding collided with another boat, the Army Reserve Advisor's office reported here today.

PFC Davis, a 1967 graduate of North Platte High School, is survived by his wife, Linda of Tryon Rt. North Platte, his mother, Mrs. Winnie Davis of 708 North Franklin. Other survivors include four sisters, Mrs. Edward Schoel, Yakima, Wash., Mrs. Harvey Cooper, Grand Island, Mrs. Lloyd Gosda, Creswell, Ore., and Mrs. Richard Blackburn, Elkhorn, Neb.; and two brothers, Dr. Henry Patterson, Chicago, and Alfred Davis, Oakridge, Ore.

He and his wife, the former Linda Viersen, were married Nov. 6. She is a student at North Platte College.

He was in the 615th Military Police Company of the 720th MP Battalion and arrived in Vietnam Nov. 10.

Services are pending at the Adams-Swanson Funeral Home.



Sister Winnie Davis and her children. Margaret, a member of the church and living in Grand Island. Sister Winnie, Myrta, living in Yakima, Washington. Eddie and Henri

Sister Davis and Eddie were baptized and confirmed in 1957. Eddie Graduated from High School in June 1967 and then entered the Army. While home on leave he married Linda Viersen. He was sent to Vietnam and was killed 30 days later. He is buried at Fort McPherson.

Sister Davis has taught in Primary, served as Work Leader, been a Visiting Teacher and 2nd counselor in Relief Society and now she is Relief Society President

*Winnie Davis*

## KENTNER FAMILY

Dean George- During the last three years has been Branch President of the North Platte Branch- seminary teacher- and presently is District Clerk & District MIA Supervisor. During the last three years he helped start the annual Christmas Pageant in North Platte with live animals & actors. The building on of the Chapel was started during his time as President.

Wilma Bernice- Counselor in the Relief Society- Sunday School teacher Relief Society Chorister- Laurel teacher- Primary President.

Cynthia Ann- Has been attending Ricks College and Brigham Young University. She was home during the first part of the Scotts Mission & enjoyed them as much as the rest of the family.

Jim Lew- Is now MIA secretary and teaches the Trekers in Primary. He received his Duty to God award, Eagle Scout & was second place winner in the Optomist speech contest. He is presently planning to go to BYU and hopes to be an Institute of Religion teacher.

Denice Marie-Now 13 and enjoying her first year of MIA. Graduated from Primary during the Scotts Mission.

Nora Eileen- 10 , a Lihoma girl in her first year. Plays the Piano and is working to become good enough to play wherever needed in Church.

Claudean Kay- Is getting a good start in Primary and Sunday School. On her way to being a good little Latter-Day - Saint.

We as a family certainly have enjoyed our association with Brother & Sister Scott and feel they have truly served the Lord well and, have been an inspiration and blessing to our family. If we can become like them we will be well on our way to exaltation. Thank you for all you have done for us as a family and for our Branch. Come and see us often after you go home. Please make North Platte your home away from home.



Dean H Kentner  
Bernice Kentner  
Cynthia Kentner  
Denice Kentner  
Jim Kentner  
Claudean Kentner



Verna and Estel Lile

While you were President of the Western States Mission the following good things happened to our family:

1. You interviewed Lowell in October 1967 for his Mission to Brazil--South Mission.
2. David in BYU graduating on the 21st of August 1969, also he was married on May 29, 1969 in the Salt Lake Temple.
3. Clark is happy with his family in Salt Lake City where he works in Zellerback Paper Co.
4. John is signing a contract for his 4th year teaching vocal music in Harlandale High School, San Antonio, Texas.

Mother, Emma Elizabeth Dunlap Harmon is in her 86th year, an invalid but interested in the Gospel and her family and all that goes on. She wants her son-in-law to be sure he has her tithing and financial obligations to the Church up to date.

Estel C. Lile was 1st Counselor to President Dan Moss of the West Nebr. District. When Nebraska District was formed, Estel Became 1st Counselor to President Clarence Romans.

Verna Lile is Social Science leader for Relief Society.



*Lowell Lile*

1968 Charles and Ada McConnell and family

David, Brother McConnell holding Beama, Sister McConnell holding Lane and Mary Ann at the end.

We do want President and Sister Scott to remember the McConnell family.

We live on a Dairy farm 5 miles Northwest of Hershey, Nebr. or 20 miles from North Platte. Since we are the only members in our community we travel to North Platte to attend our church services and help what we can in carrying on the work in the North Platte Branch.



Brother McConnell's time is spent milking 40 to 60 head of holstein cows and farming 140 acres of ground. Sister McConnell's time is spent helping with the Dairy work and in keeping the washing, ironing, mending and home clean for the little McConnells.



Elder Morris McConnell is serving his mission in the South Andes Mission. He has served in Juliara, Peru and is now serving at LaPaz, Bolivia. He writes home that he is enjoying working with the Inca Indians. They have baptized several families and are looking forward to baptizing more soon. His Testimony has grown immensely and he loves doing the Lord's work.

David Bryan is 15 and will be a Sophomore next year. He loves sports. He lettered in football, basketball and track. He played with the varsity in basketball and this was really a challenge to him being a Freshman. Thru the summer he is kept busy helping his Dad with the dairy work and farming. He also has his 4-H heifers that he enjoys working with and showing at the Fair. Last year his Holstein Heifer was Grand Champion of her class.

Mary Ann is 12 and will be a Seventh Grader next year. She is taking music lessons and we hope she will be our musician of the family. She is really a help to her mother with the household duties and a babysitter while the milking is being done.

Lane will soon be 4 and Beama May is 2. They are busy all the time. They help in everything we do especially like to help David feed the baby calves. They have a pet dog Ralph and 5 sand turtles that they spend much time feeding and playing with.



1968

The McConnells'

We will soon be in our new home a year. The family have all worked hard in the building of our home. We still have some work on the basement and yard to do. We want our home to be a place where we can entertain our youth, carry on Primary, room and board for traveling members at Conference time or at anytime that members might need help and an ideal dairy farm in our community. With the help of the Lord we feel we can accomplish these things.

Like all Mission Presidents---we regret to see them go but want to thank them for all the wonderful things they have done for us. We will always remember President Scott as the Mission President to interview Morris for his mission. We also will remember the help received from Elder Kunz and Elder Golder in putting up our ensilage when Brother McConnell was laid up with his knee injury. This help was given us through President Scott.

Again, we want to thank President and Sister Scott for all their wonderful talks, examples of a wonderful family and pray that the Lords choicest blessings will be with them in the future.

Morris Lee McConnell  
David Bryan McConnell  
Lane Alfred McConnell  
Beama May McConnell

John J. McConnell  
Ada McConnell  
Margaret McConnell



1968 Dan and LuJean Moss and family

Bradley, Sister Moss with Blaine, Jan, Michelle, Brother Moss and Clark.



The Moss' would like to express their love and appreciation to the Scotts' for they have truly enjoyed the association of this wonderful family.

We will never forget when we first went to Denver and visited in August 1966, the Mission Home and baby Michelle was tended by Paula and Rhonda while Mom and Dad Moss went out to supper. This was our first acquaintance with these darling two girls. Later on they made several trips to North Platte where they received treatment on straightening their teeth.

It was always wonderful to have the Scotts stay with us. They even slept in the camper on one of their trips to North Platte.

When Sister Moss had just given birth to their baby boy Blaine, in May 1968, the Scotts made a special trip to our home to see the Mother and new baby. They may remember eating home canned fruit and homemade whole wheat bread and honey as a late evening snack.

The morning of May 12, Sister Moss received a call from President Scott requesting to talk with President Moss. She told him to call Vallentine. After a few hours President Scott reached Pres. Moss and asked if he would pick them up in Denver so Pres. Moss flew with President Mullendore to Denver.

From there they flew to Grand Island and landed at 7:00 when the meeting was supposed to start.

One of the biggest treats of all was when the Moss family went to Denver and stayed in the Mission Home. This happened the Memorial Day before the Scotts went back to Utah. Pres. Moss and Pres. Scott enjoyed a game of tennis as had happened several times in the past. Then everyone went to the Park and the game of Volley ball was played and riding paddleboats on the lake. The picnic dinner was delicious and returning to the mission home a darling program by Barbara and Richard was enjoyed by all. Wendy and Farlynn sang to everyone pleasure and also Rhonda and Paula. The program was climaxed with President and Sister Scott singing a duet, one of the songs Sister Scott had written. It was beautiful! The evening ended with a show at Cinerama.

The Mission Home was truly a beautiful place to stay and the Scott family added to the beauty of this home.

*Don B. Moss*  
*Clark Moss* *LuJean K. Moss* *Don B. Moss*



"We are the Romans" from Arnold, proud of our association with President and Sister Scott and family and the Church.

Clarence O. Romans baptized in 1952---and still a "one branch member"--- North Platte, found no branch better-----a native Nebraskan. At the present time is Branch President of the North Platte Branch.

Kathryn E. (Bates) formerly of Chino Valley, Arizona, descendant of Mormon Pioneers (Flakes, Turleys, Bates, Wakefield) now a converted Nebraskan. Dance Director in North Platte Branch and in the District, 1st Counselor in the District YWMIA, Sunday School Teacher, Primary Teacher, Chorister in Relief Society and Sacrament Meeting.

Gregory Lee A returned Missionary from the "Easter Atlantic States Mission" Prospective graduate of BYU.

Nancy Jo Fall of '69 Freshman at BYU. Chorister, organist, dancer, athlete, student of all church activities.

Susan Dale High School student, Pianist, dancer, Jr. Sunday School Chorister, MIA athlete.

Cynthia Ann Jr. High, finishing her first year in MIA, would like to do all the things, all the rest do!

Phyllis Ann Grade school, Primary, pianist, clarinet player, eager and willing.

We are grateful for the leadership offered us by the Scott family--- and pray we have the courage to follow.



Phyllis Romans

Cynthia Romans

Nancy Romans Susan Romans

Kathryn Romans  
Clarence O. Romans

1969

The family of Opal and Lester Taylor. This picture was taken in September of 1967.

Keith, Opal Kathy, Douglas, Lester and Barbara



Opal Taylor: Was a Beehive teacher for 2 years and is presently Sunday School Secretary, types and mails the Relief Society message to out of town members and makes up the weekly programs for Sunday.

Douglas attended National Guard basic training at Fort Gordon, Georgia from Feb. 2, 1968 to June 1, 1968.

Keith is currently undergoin AIT training at Fort Ord, California

*Barbara Taylor*  
*Opal Taylor*



1969

Sister Valora Weisgerber's letter to President and Sister Scott.

Dear Brother Scott and Sister Scott,  
It seems time has a way of marching on. It's wonderful to have you as our Mission President. I came into the Church on December 18, 1959.

I went to the Temple on December 12, 1969 with Sister Itha Nelson and Dorothy Marler, and Brother Bruce Van Orden went for my husband Fred. Brother Bruce is a Seventy and a good friend of mine in Salt Lake City, Utah.

I pray and hope you two will enjoy the rich things in life and the Heavenly Father go with you.

Love,

Sister Valora Weisgerber

*Valora M Weisgerber*

